



Portland Ohio

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My darling Sister. -

I am  
afraid you are angry at me  
- Dear for not writing you this  
but we have been hoping and  
waiting to hear from you  
again if only a postal to  
let us know if you went  
to Pittsburgh and in fact  
we have been looking for  
you home especially Peter.  
But for give today I sent you  
your pictures I think very  
good but you are still so  
thin I kept the face view and  
the side I gave to Beth I  
have only been out there once  
since the fourth of May that  
was to see Edie she wrote  
me a postal and said she was  
she was very sick and Beth  
had been home sick to since  
the 23. So I went out at once

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and Ach is up but can't go  
out any further he has a cold  
cough like mine or cold, and  
did little Stedys life was hanging  
on a thread. Mrs Lounie is there  
and Mother went out twice  
but I phoned up the engine house  
every day and inquired after  
them and they are all improv-  
ing. O' for a miracle we  
thought Stedys was going to  
have this world but our prayers  
have been answered it seems.  
Mother wrote Mrs Greens and  
told her about it so I presume  
you have heard all about it  
in this. How sad indeed to  
learn of sweet dear Harold  
death. It don't hardly seem  
possible does it poor Lenna I know  
is heartbroken. Ma wrote her.  
Dear I hope you are not  
in the north now. for we are  
having regular March weather  
so cold and moving every  
very day today it is snowing

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and dreadfully cold it is very  
remarkable and unusual weather  
we are having indeed. I don't  
believe Sunday is ever coming  
or rather Spring. don't you  
ever think of coming north  
till the weather changes. mind.

How delightful it must  
be to go in bathing I know  
the fun you have is sufficient  
that poor young man and  
his chuck parts if I was him  
I would have made you ladies  
pay for the laundry bill. ~~haha~~

I have a pretty bathing  
suit Matille left hers. next  
we have your looking times  
when you come here on our  
whirls and bathing and etc.

I presume you have heard  
from Matille. in this again I  
received one from her she is  
out taking care of a blind  
lady and beside that reflection  
is ~~and~~ nervous. the lady is

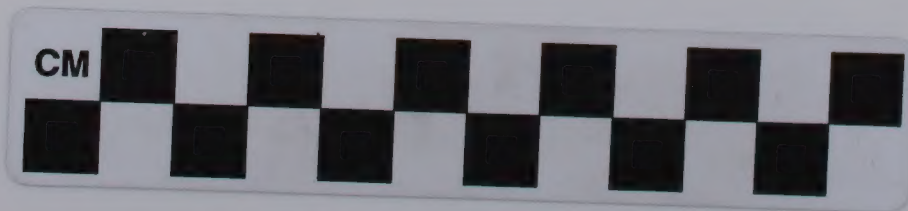
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my wealthy <sup>4</sup>hired with her  
daughter & son Lewis and Mabel  
has to wait on her entirely now  
to feeding her at table, walking  
with her, reading, sewing and  
etc. I guess she has wrote you.  
Yes & I carry on a regular  
correspondence I enjoy her letters  
so much for so sweet girl I  
write her instructions every  
week regular, and in every  
one is a remost plea for her  
to return home but I am  
afraid my preaching is all  
in vain. cant you  
persuade her dear dont you  
think? she is helping me  
plan my summer outfit  
and many things my  
organizing here in Boston for  
me. I have got a scheme  
I dont tell any one. it is  
this way "to have a nice white  
organizing one and have three  
different underslips for it

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one pink one <sup>5</sup> pale blue and one  
white. the colored ones I am  
going to have of "rearsilk" and  
the waist part made like a corset  
over trimmed in insertion and  
narrow fine lace. what do you  
think of the idea? it will  
be a great coming and you know  
my dress is very classy, and no  
one will know any thing  
about it the scheme, of course  
I will have my ribbon to match  
to go with each slip, for neck  
and waist, and the dress I  
am going to have trimmed in  
insertion and valance lace.  
So I am going to have  
three dresses: figure, the white  
slip I have a pretty fine hem-  
stitched undershirt plain and  
all I need is a corset over it.  
Manassas says if you had  
such a good pattern for them  
will you send it to me.  
Please dear for I want to make

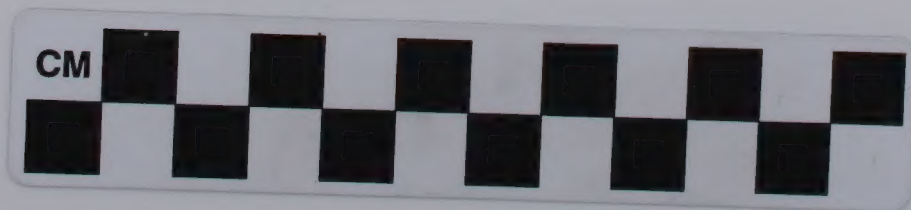


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several suit covers and don't want  
to buy a pattern if you have one.  
don't forget please to send in  
soon, as I want to commence  
this now for I have a good  
deal of sewing to do. By the  
10 of June, I just finished a  
-dressing-sack for summer goods  
pink small figured lined in  
lace, it took me two afternoons,  
-and I made a organza waist  
-and I am always sewing at  
something. if you see any  
pretty thing to have a  
white organza dress made send  
or tell me of it will you?

I am just delighted to  
hear my baby is getting just  
better, and you will get  
there slow but sure is your  
motto in the flesh question  
I sent it dear I hope you  
might now 137.

Ma, gave birth to  
your strawberries and in planted  
two which are growing nicely.



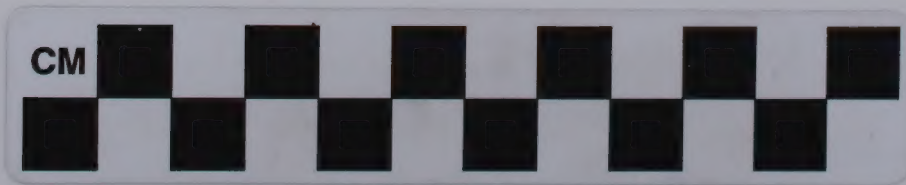


The crop plant is growing to but  
there is a bird with old black  
ants on it trying to eat it all  
up. I match it to keep him  
off and kill him. The little  
cuckoo is growing nicely too.

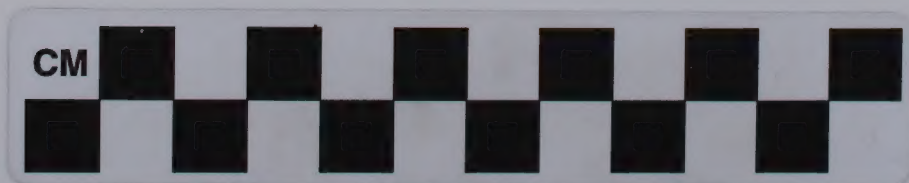
Yes I can I got plenty to  
eat but I have not much of an  
appetite any more. I have quite  
nervous about it will have to take care of its  
self. I can't spend money  
on medicine any more.

I received another letter from  
G. T. Smith with \$1.00 in it yesterday  
saying he would send me  
more soon that makes I believe  
\$7.00 or 8.00 he sent no no only  
\$3.00 since I came here. but I had  
about \$3.00 when I arrived here.

I got my fester hat but have  
no more. it is a blue  
and chaffin and violet all  
is the same shade but a few  
white violet it is dark so I  
can wear it to travel in is



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The room I got a dark one it  
only cost \$3.00 a beauty to, and  
went a skirt the same  
back to wear with it, and  
for my dress up hat later  
just before I leave in June  
I am going to have a black  
chiffon with many <sup>white</sup> plumes  
on it. Yrs dear ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup>  
sick at her Mother's and sent say  
very proud of her little girl.  
Jack sent me a very pretty  
friendship bracelet and a brooch  
which I am sure that you  
your friends give you a heart  
with their initials in it I  
have 12 all from gentlemen  
in the south, and I could  
have more but no many  
don't look pretty. Jack got the  
bracelet and in the locket he  
had engraved this "To Meet" "To Love"  
"To Part", and then he put on two  
hearts beside on one was "Jack" and  
the other the time and place of  
our last interview thus "Jun 2. 1899"





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They are all the "go" down south.  
Jack and I write as often as we  
can did every or every other day.  
Jack is a young man who has returned from  
the war and a old friend of  
mine and we carried on  
a correspondence while I was  
in Dixie land and he is now  
or camp at Tampa Fla. called  
the other evening or rather  
has been here three times  
in his week he is such  
a nice fellow he has got  
so much heavier and a mustache  
now that he don't like the same  
fellow when I left him two years  
ago. My phone will be going  
after me if I don't watch  
out. but I have got to talk to  
some body or I will forget how  
for I don't go anywhere at all.  
Mr. James is the only gentleman  
that has called on me since I  
came from Dixie and we are



our selves "cussing" or "discussing" the  
South. We have been cleaning  
house got two rooms done and  
expect to finish next week we  
have had papering done two  
times over our ~~living~~ <sup>living</sup> room is going  
old. what will we do with the  
spunk box? if you was here  
we would wouldnt we?

I was so glad to get your  
picture that we again print.

We have had several large  
fires here in Charlotte  
in Hotel. Wasnt those New York  
fires awful?

Will send you a little something  
to keep you well and happy  
and I may see my dear  
one. Lots of love & kisses.

Your loving Sister  
- Jennie Lind -

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